

Think Green[🌿]

Need some help going green?

The Saskatchewan Eco-Network may be the answer. In its efforts to promote green consumer habits, the organization has begun developing *Saskatchewan's Green Directory*, an in-depth, easy-to-navigate website providing free access to information on environmental products and services. The first phase of the directory targets homeowners, renovators, contractors and green thinkers looking for information relating to energy- and water-efficient products and systems; it also lists Saskatchewan suppliers. The second phase will list product and service suppliers of green building materials.

 saskatchewangreendirectory.org

Two other Saskatchewan websites dedicated to finding solutions to the eco challenges facing our province and planet:

- recyclesaskatchewan.ca: What can you recycle? Where are recycle locations?
- environment.gov.sk.ca/gogreen: Learn about rebates and programs that help homeowners go green while saving money.

Lake Louise Lands It - Again

MIGHT AS WELL jump, jib and ride in Lake Louise's reincarnated terrain park.

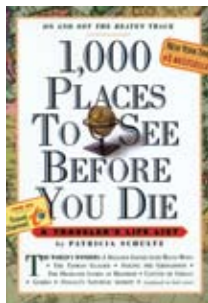
SASKATCHEWAN SKIERS AND RIDERS

heading west this winter have more than Alberta's signature steeps to get stoked about. The new – or more accurately, renewed – Terrain Park is open at the Lake Louise Ski Area. Previous management had removed the jumps in the original freestyle zone in late 2008, but the new owner saw fit to let world-renowned terrain park designer Jeff Patterson have his way with the comeback playground. Having worked with premier resorts and professional skiers and snowboarders all over the world, Patterson's talent is apparent in the world-class park's six medium-to-large jumps and 15 rails and boxes. Born and raised in Cranbrook, B.C., the jump-and-jib master architect started designing terrain parks more than a decade ago while volunteering at Kimberley Alpine Resort. Check out his recent handiwork in the Lake Louise Terrain Park, located front and centre under the Glacier Chair and accessible to all skiers and riders with no extra fees or permits required.

 skilouise.com

Travel Talk

In 2003, American travel writer and television host Patricia Schultz delighted travel enthusiasts with the breadth of her frankly titled book, *1,000 Places to See Before You Die*. Since then it has topped three million copies in print in more than 25 languages. Schultz is now circling the globe a second time to research an updated edition due out in early 2011. Between trips to the



Baltics and Anguilla, Schultz shared some travel tips with us:

Q: Does your book's title scare people?

A: At first, people thought it was too alarming. What's alarming? Life is no dress rehearsal, and there's so much to see.

Q: Where do you most want to go next?

A: I've never been to a good deal of South America – it's really underrated. I have a trip to Argentina and Antarctica planned.

Q: What places should travellers visit before they disappear altogether?

A: Glacier National Park. The glaciers may be gone in our lifetime. And I don't know how long New Orleans will last.

Q: Where can we travel on a budget?

A: Do your homework and you can go anywhere. There are ways to save, from staying in family-run hotels to using public transit.

Q: What's the first thing you do when you return home?

A: Go through the mountain of junk mail – for no other reason than to find the occasional bill buried in the middle.

–Miyoko Ohtake, courtesy AAA's Via Magazine



GOING, GOING
... nearly gone:
Glacier National
Park, Montana.

Euro Trash=Euro Cash

IT HAS BEEN SEVEN YEARS since the introduction of the euro and the gradual phase-out of many continental currencies, but there is still hope for those hapless Canadians who returned from European holidays with fanny packs full of since-retired drachmas and guilders. Launched in 2008, the Currency Commission converts old banknotes from 14 European countries into dollars or euros. Fill out a form online, then send it in with your bills (no coins) and the company will mail back a cheque within one to two weeks.

–Rob Howatson [i 1-202-629-9407; currencycommission.com](http://www.currencycommission.com)

king, queen or rubber?

FOLKS ARE PAYING closer attention to their beds these days as scientists learn more about the toxic chemicals and allergens in our everyday

lives. Hotels, such as the Fairmont properties, have addressed some of these safe-sleep concerns by equipping select rooms with featherless bedding. But now a small, chic American hotel chain has burrowed even deeper beneath the covers. » The result: ACE Hotel uses natural latex mattresses at its New York, Palm Springs and Seattle locations, thus eliminating petroleum-based foams, plastics and volatile chemicals completely from the bed equation. The rubber also has anti-microbial properties that inhibit mildew, mould, bacteria and dust mites. –R.H. [i acehotel.com](http://www.acehotel.com)



Tin Lizzie Ran on "Fuel of the Future"

"Gasoline is going – alcohol is coming. It's coming to stay, too, for it's in unlimited supply. All the world is waiting for a substitute to gasoline. When that is gone, there will be no more gasoline, and long before that time, the price of gasoline will have risen to a point where it will be too expensive to burn as a motor fuel. The day is not far distant when, for every one of those barrels of gasoline, a barrel of alcohol must be substituted." –Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company

A man ahead of his time? More than a hundred years ago, Henry Ford (pictured below) was a strong advocate for ethanol. He told a *New York Times* reporter in 1925 that "the fuel of the future" was ethyl alcohol and that it would "come from . . . apples, weeds, sawdust – almost



anything. There is fuel in every bit of vegetable matter that can be fermented." As such, Ford designed the engine of his 1908 Model T, the first mass-produced car, to run on gasoline or ethanol or a mixture of the two.

Games à Gogo

IF YOU'RE HEADING TO Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games this February and March, take note that visitors will get around via TransLink – the city's public transit system. Transport to mountain venues will be via Olympic buses from Park & Ride locations. [i translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)